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Office of the Inspector General Wins Knighton Award

(Washington, DC) The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the District of Columbia is pleased to announce that the National Association of Local Government Auditors (N.A.L.G.A.) has selected the OIG as this year's winner of the Knighton Award for the report titled *Audit of Management of the 401 (a) Defined Contribution Pension Plan*.

"The funds returned represented a real financial recovery for the District," said Mayor Williams. "It is an honor for the city to receive the Knighton Award for this report because it demonstrates not only an effective Office of the Inspector General, but that District management is committed to making government work."

The National Association of Local Government Auditors (N.A.L.G.A.), a professional association with headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky, is the acknowledged leader in local government auditing, with a membership of over 300 audit agencies and over 3,000 members. The Knighton Award is the highest award presented by N.A.L.G.A., and represents the best 2003 audit report by a local government audit agency in the United States and Canada.

In addition to the message and the report quality, the winning report must adhere to the strict standards for governmental performance audits.

The judges commented that the D.C. study demonstrated an area that is often overlooked yet holds out a great opportunity for significant savings. The conclusions reached are applicable to any jurisdiction. The recommendations speak to making government more efficient and effective in its expenditure of funds. The report is well written and clear in its identification of the problem and the solution.

This audit resulted in \$22 million being immediately returned and another \$5.5 million to be returned to the District for previous disbursements. The amounts represented a real financial recovery for the District. The audit was very concise and powerful. Presentation was straightforward and to the point with no room for argument — correct now and manage in the future. Interim reporting resulted in swift recovery of funds. Credit for suggesting the audit was given to a former employee. Using the City's investment policy as a model for risk assessment of the investment of forfeited funds was an excellent idea.

The OIG works with District management to help find solutions to risks facing the District and contributing to effectiveness and efficiency of District government. OIG reports address revenue enhancement, efficient use of resources, delivery of citizen services, support services, and mandatory audit effort.

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